

REMARKS

Currently claims **1 through 48** are pending. Claims 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 39, 42, 43 and 46 have been amended to reduce the filing fee by removing multiple dependencies and/or to correct typographical errors.

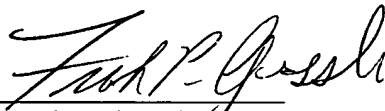
The specification has been amended to include a reference to related applications/claim of priority to the corresponding PCT application and foreign filed application.

Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for examination and respectfully request the early consideration thereof and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance forthwith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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